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# Survey says: Danger

New poll asks HRM residents which areas they avoid for safety concerns

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**Kenny Brown is a bouncer at Charlie's, a north-end Halifax watering hole frequented by many Gottingen Street denizens.**

On any given night, Brown sees a smattering of the diverse groups that make up the neighbourhood he calls home — from college-aged hipsters, to

### Sample

• CityThink poll sampled 500 residents in HRM last month and carries a margin of error of 4.4 per cent.

life-long residents, to recent condo-dwelling transplants. And he wasn't surprised to hear half of respondents to a

new poll say they avoid this area over safety concerns.

"A lotta ignorance in Halifax," Brown said. "Just blame it on Gottingen Street. That's the easiest way to do it."

The poll, conducted by Bristol Omnifacts Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership, found 70 per cent of respondents avoid certain areas of HRM due to safety concerns.

Forty-nine per cent of



According to the new CityThink poll, almost half of HRM residents surveyed avoid the Gottingen Street-Uniacke Square area.

those respondents say they avoid Gottingen Street and Uniacke Square area — far and away the highest of any region.

Craig Wright, vice-president of research with Bristol Omnifacts, said the overall numbers are actually down from polling results two years ago.

"It is actually a little better than it was," Wright said. "But now, arguably, 70 per cent saying they're

afraid to go places is of concern."

Wright couldn't speak to why respondents consider the Gottingen Street area dangerous, only that they said they do. But he noted some interesting variations across income levels.

"The highest response for Gottingen comes off (those making more) than \$100,000 (a year). It actually goes up to 59 per cent of those people," he said.

"Maybe that's a bit of historical thing ... I would imagine, but I'm speculating there certainly."

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley said he has problems with identifying areas of HRM as "more" or "less" dangerous than others.

"The problem I run into by picking out Gottingen or picking out Uniacke ... is there (are) other areas that you could be at higher

risk," he said. "And if people start going to some areas and avoiding others ... they may think they're safer, but they may not be."

Coun. Dawn Sloane, who represents the area on HRM council, said she thinks people's phobia of the neighborhood stems from ignorance.

"I feel bad for those people that are so close-minded," she said.

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### Results

Top areas of HRM people avoid due to safety concerns according to CityThink survey. Respondents chose selected areas without input from the questionnaire.

- Gottingen Street/Uniacke Square area, 49%
- Hydrostone area/North-end Halifax, 25%
- Other areas in Dartmouth, aside from listed, 23%
- Downtown Halifax, 21%
- Spryfield, 21%
- Downtown Dartmouth, 10%
- Cherrybrook/Preston, 8%
- Halifax Commons, 7%
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## De La Soul set for Halifax Jazz Festival

De La Soul is set to kick off this year's Halifax Jazz Festival. The legendary hip-hop trio from Long Island, N.Y., will headline the first night of the festival, taking place from July 9-17 at various venues in Halifax. The group will be joined by Ali Shaheed Muhammad, of A Tribe Called Quest fame, and local MC's The Extremities. Tickets are \$35 and go on sale tomorrow at all Ticketpro locations.

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## Mounties locate missing fisherman

**CHETICAMP** RCMP in Cheticamp say a trout fisherman who went missing Monday night has been located.

Police say the man went fishing around 5:30 p.m. Monday and was reported missing after failing to show up for work yesterday morning.

Police say the man, who is from New Waterford, spent the night near Margaree Centre after his car broke down.

A passerby spotted his car late yesterday afternoon.

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# Despite OK, roundabouts tentative

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**Roundabouts were approved in principle by council yesterday and may replace four signal intersections in the HRM.**

It doesn't mean roundabouts are a go for construction, just another tool in the box for planners. Several councilors expressed concern about pedestrian safety but it was a unanimous vote.

Tanya Davis, traffic services supervisor, told council motorists are half as



Jerry Blumenthal

likely to get into an accident in a roundabout as opposed to an intersection with signals.

"We have to think of roundabouts as improvements to the city," she said, adding roundabouts have significant environmental and aesthetic benefits.

There are no lights to guide pedestrians to cross at a roundabout, but pedestrians are less likely to get hit because they're crossing fewer lanes of traffic.

The province is fully behind roundabouts and it is building 16 this year. Besides the well-trav-

## Intersections up for consideration

- Devonshire Ave./Duffus Street/Novalea Drive: Built in 1966; current distance for pedestrians: 20 metres; if converted, two of five metres
- North Park/Cogswell Street/Trollope Street/Ahern Ave./Rainnie Drive: Built in 1949; current distance for pedestrians: 20 metres; if converted, eight metres
- Cunard Street/North Park/Agricola Street: Built in 1952; current distance for pedestrians: 14 metres; if converted, four metres
- Robie Street/Cogswell Street/Bell Road/Quinpool Road: Built in 1949; current distance for pedestrians: 24 metres; if converted, eight metres

elled Armdale roundabout, two others will be built within the HRM this year: At Larry Uteck Boulevard and Starboard Drive; and at Margeson Drive and Sackville Drive.

Ken Reashor, with the city's transportation and public works department, said the earliest any of these intersections could be converted would be next year because of its

budget.

But the lights at the Devonshire Avenue intersection, in Coun. Jerry Blumenthal's district, are in the greatest need of repair.

"We're Band-Aiding it," Reashor said.

The wiring is beyond its lifespan and the cost of replacing the lights and improving the pedestrian crossing would be close to the cost of installing a roundabout.

Blumenthal said a roundabout would just get congested with commuters.

"When things aren't broken, why fix it?" Blumenthal said. "I can see the concept but I can't see it in the north end."

## Slain Nova Scotian sailor returns home

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**DEATH** The body of the Nova Scotia-based sailor killed in Afghanistan is now on provincial soil.

Shearwater-based diver Petty Officer 2nd Class Craig Blake was killed by a makeshift bomb May 3, the very type of device he was in the country to defuse.

Blake, a 37-year-old from Simcoe, Ont., is the first Canadian sailor to die in Afghanistan since the mission began in 2002. Blake was a member of Maritime Forces Atlantic Fleet Diving



Craig Blake



A motorcade carrying the remains of Petty Officer 2nd Class Craig Blake from the Robert L. Stanfield International Airport to Canadian Forces Base Halifax arrives in Halifax yesterday. The CFB Shearwater-based sailor was killed May 3 by an explosive in Afghanistan.

Unit. His body was brought back to Canada May 5, and late yesterday, his remains landed at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Some of his colleagues from the unit were in attendance.

From there, Blake's body was led by a police escort and was followed by about 25 veterans on motorcycles to Stadacona Chapel at Canadian Forces Base Halifax. A navy spokeswoman

said a military memorial service for Blake is being planned for later this week in HRM, but no details were finalized.

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## Teacher gets year for child luring

**SENTENCED** A former Dartmouth junior high teacher received a year-long conditional sentence for luring a child over the Internet.

Michael Carson Smith, 30, was charged in February for sexual exploitation and luring a child. The exploitation charge was dropped but he will serve six months house arrest and six months probation for the luring charge.

Smith was a teacher at John Martin junior high school in Dartmouth when he was arrested for sending sexually explicit messages to a 16-year-old girl who wasn't a student at the school.

He resigned from teaching the day after the arrest.

A two-month investigation led to the arrest.

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Halifax regional fire service is investigating a fire at a two-car garage in Dartmouth overnight. Fire spokesman Capt. Dave Meldrum said the fire took place at 7 Bedford St., which is home to Affordable Autoworks, and was quickly extinguished by firefighters. No one was in the building when firefighters arrived. **METRO HALIFAX**

# NDP won't reveal old expenses

Tory leader says 12 years of spending needs to be made public

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**Premier Darrell Dexter is refusing to release more than a decade of secret MLA expense claims to the public, but Tory Leader Karen Casey says people will see this as concealing information.**

Currently journalists and the public cannot see 12 years of secret MLA expenses filed between 2006 and the last expense audit in the mid-90s.

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe's examination of 2006-2009 expenses revealed numerous excessive and inappropriate claims that sparked a forensic audit and possible criminal charges.

MLA expenses before that time frame are exempt from freedom of information requests. Yesterday Dexter said he doesn't see any value in making them public.

"I'm not interested in engaging in a fishing expedition going back years and years and years," he said.

"What we're interested in is having good rules for the house of assembly that provide transparency for the public and that's what we're going to do."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil was onside, saying politicians should only look forward.

"The focus, in my view,



Interim Progressive Conservative leader Karen Casey speaks with reporters yesterday at Province House.

## Release of latest audit

- Premier Darrell Dexter said he will release the names of MLAs involved in a forensic audit of expenses as long as the auditor general does not object. The audit is

expected sometime this or next week. During the last expense report names and amounts were revealed slowly over the course of weeks.

should be on implementing those changes because that's what Nova Scotians want," he said.

"Continuing to go back and rehash and rehash and rehash is not going to fix the challenges that are

there and it's not going to instill confidence in Nova Scotians about the system."

But Casey was at odds, saying she supports opening up the years of secret expenses.

"I think the one message

that we have to make sure Nova Scotians get out of all of this is that it is open, it is transparent and, if it wasn't in the past, it will be in the future. Anybody who is opposed to that would be seen to be withholding information," she said.

Casey acknowledged more embarrassing expenses could possibly be revealed.

"If that will confirm that yes, there was something to hide or no, there wasn't, the only way to find out is to open them up," she said.

# Sitting ends with passage of MLA rules

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**NOTE** The legislature ended its spring sitting with the most heated unanimous vote in recent memory.

The legislature rose yesterday on a contentious note after a disputed but still unanimous vote on passing new rules to clean up the MLA expense system.

Tory Cecil Clarke railed at length against the NDP for refusing to adopt opposition amendments to the bill. Clarke said he still supported the bill as a step forward, but it wasn't as strong as it should have been.

"They just came in in the last 48 hours and put the wood to the opposition parties and didn't give a damn about any constructive aspects that we would offer, and unfortunately the process has been bastardized as a result," said Clarke.

A Liberal amendment would have created a code of ethics. Tory amendments would have shifted power away from cabinet toward the overall house of assembly.

Premier Darrell Dexter said his party will consider adding a code of ethics at a later session, but said the Tory amendments were rejected because they only first saw them Monday.

**"If you want to be considered seriously, then I think you have to share things in a time that allows people to give due consideration."**

Premier  
Darrell Dexter

"If you want to be considered seriously, then I think you have to share things in a time that allows people to give due consideration," said Dexter.

"And some of them, quite frankly, we didn't think made sense."

After 32 days the legislature passed a total of 29 bills, ranging from a ban on pesticides to tripling the cap on automobile insurance.

The most important piece of legislation was this year's provincial budget, which included a \$222-million deficit and a controversial two-point raise in the HST.

The budget also included a massive capital spending plan, reduced public pension benefits to erase a large unfunded liability and removed the provincial tax from diapers and feminine hygiene products.

# More scheduled closings for rural ERs: Doctor

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**HEALTH** Rural emergency rooms have moved toward a system of scheduled closing times, a new report shows.

Data revealed yesterday says rural ERs were closed a total of 19,116 hours last year, with a little over 10,000 of those being unscheduled closures. Those short-closures were overwhelmingly due to doctor shortages, but nursing shortages were

also mentioned.

However, a large minority of closures were planned. Dr. John Ross, the man preparing a study the NDP will lean on for their future ER policies, said those could become even more common.

"There may be more scheduled (closings.) You might say 'oh my gosh, that's bad.' But on the other hand scheduled means people are now aware, they're better informed on where they can



Maureen MacDonald

**"There may be more scheduled (closings.) You might say 'oh my gosh, that's bad.' But on the other hand scheduled means people are now aware, they're better informed on where they can go and where they can't go."**

Dr. John Ross

go and where they can't go," said Ross.

"So far it seems to have proven out over the last two years that they're doing that quite safely."

The problem for the NDP is that during the election they promised to

completely eliminate rural ER closures.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald wouldn't tip her hand yesterday on what she plans to do next, saying she's waiting for Ross' report to be released some time this summer.

# Downtown business group picks convention centre as top priority

**SURVEY** A new convention centre for downtown Halifax is the top priority for members of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, according to a new survey.

The commission conducted its bi-annual membership survey last month

through Thinkwell Research and it shows 31 per cent see a new convention centre as priority No. 1 for downtown Halifax.

There were six possible choices in the survey, which asked respondents, "If HRM were to commit more funds to the down-

town, what should be their top priority?"

Streetscaping on Barrington Street came second at 25 per cent, followed by incentives for residential development (15 per cent), incentives for restoration of heritage buildings (11 per cent), new performing

arts centre (11 per cent) and streetscaping on Argyle Street (two per cent).

The commission's membership is made up of 1,800 landlords, businesses and retailers. The poll's margin of error is 4.1 percentage points.

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**Teens face charges after home invasion**

Three teens are facing charges of break and enter and theft under \$5,000 after police say a home was broken into on Karen Drive in Westphal. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Police ask for help

HRP appeals to public on anniversary of Brooks' death

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**Halifax Regional Police say some people know exactly what happened in the murder of Tanya Brooks — and they are urging them to come forward and tell what they know.**

"Whether it's out of sheer moral conscious, or whether it's for the rewards program, whatever the case may be. We need them to come forward," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetier.



Tanya Brooks

Yester day marked the one-year anniversary of Brooks' murder.

Brooks, also known as Tanya

Lynch, was last seen leaving HRP headquarters on May 10 at about 8:20 p.m.

She was known to frequent the Gottingen Street area.

At 2 p.m. the following day, Brooks' body was discovered in a basement window well of St. Patrick's-Alexandra School on Maitland Street.

Brooks' sister, Maggie Brooks, has recently expressed frustration that no one is in custody for the killing.

Brooks was originally from Millbrook, where a memorial walk was held



Police officers collect evidence after finding the body of Tanya Brooks on the grounds of St. Patrick's-Alexandra School in this file photo from last May. The Halifax Regional Police-RCMP Integrated Major Crime Unit continues to investigate the case.

## \$150K reward

The province's Department of Justice announced last July a reward of up to \$150,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Brooks.

yesterday to recognize the anniversary of the mother-of-five's death. She was 36.

"I don't know if it's a fear of retaliation — if it's that prevalent role in the criminal society when you don't talk to police," Palmetier said about the lack of information coming forward.

"Ultimately, people need

to realize Tanya had a family that loved her who has been very much devastated by her death. We need to try and bring this case to a conclusion."

Palmetier said the investigation into Brooks' murder "remains open and active" and is being looked into by HRP's major crime unit.

## Cause of Fairview fire still unknown

**BLAZE** Investigators are still trying to determine the cause of an apartment fire in Fairview that left 15 people homeless on Monday night.

Halifax regional fire spokesman Capt. Dave Meldrum said firefighters were called to a four-storey apartment building at 27 Evans Ave. at about 8 p.m. and were met with heavy black smoke coming from the third floor. Firefighters helped evacuate several residents inside the building. Meldrum said the fire was quickly put out, but it caused heavy smoke and water damage to the top two floors, making them off limits to those living there. There were no serious injuries, but one man was treated for smoke inhalation on scene.

Investigators spent much of yesterday trying to determine a cause of the blaze.

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## Electronics targeted in vehicle break-ins

**AUTO** Halifax RCMP are dealing with another rash of vehicle break-ins.

Police say they are investigating 11 thefts from motor vehicles on Sunday, with eight happening in the Timberlea on Shepard Run, Beech Tree Run and States Lane. The other incidents took place in Lower Sackville.

On Monday, police announced several vehicles were also broken into in

Eastern Passage during the overnight hours on Saturday.

Police say in the 11 recent thefts, the robbers appear to be targeting electronics like MP3 players, laptop computers and GPS systems.

Police spokeswoman Const. Tamu Bracken said in most of these thefts, the vehicles were left unlocked.

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# Downtown safety passes muster: Poll

Area security rated more highly than in '08, but some respondents admit they avoid region

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**Despite being the fourth most avoided area of HRM due to safety concerns, downtown Halifax is considered mostly safe by the majority of respondents of a new poll.**

The CityThink survey, conducted by Bristol Omnifacts Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership, found 65 per cent of respondents consider downtown Halifax "mostly safe," and another six per cent "very safe."

The combined total is about 20 per cent higher than results from the same survey done by Metro Halifax and Bristol in 2008.

But further on in the new survey, when respondents were asked to list areas of Halifax they avoid due to safety concerns, downtown Halifax was No. 4 on the list at 21 per cent.

Craig Wright, vice-president of research at Bristol Omnifacts, said the cause of the discrepancy may lie in the different situations people find themselves in downtown.

"People are in downtown at different times," Wright explained. "Going



Stephen Gates busks along Spring Garden Road yesterday. According to the new CityThink poll, 65 per cent of HRM residents find downtown Halifax mostly safe.

to work, it's the daytime, or it's Saturday morning, (and safety) would probably never cross your mind. Whereas now I'm (down-

town) at 11:30 at night, and there's a bunch of bar people around, so I probably just naturally feel less safe."

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley agreed that feeling safe in an area like downtown Halifax largely depends on the

context.

"At 3 a.m., you could be at higher risk being down there than you would be in the downtown area some-

where else," Beazley said. "If people feel unsafe in certain areas, I think people will avoid those areas. And that would be the right thing for them to do."

According to Beazley, a person's behaviour in downtown Halifax, like any other part of HRM, tends to determine how safe or dangerous the area is for that person.

"Is downtown Halifax safe? I would say it is for most of the people. But for the people who engage in risky drinking and do those other types of things, it becomes less safe," he said. "People have to use their head, to take into consideration what they're doing. People have to police themselves."

The CityThink survey interviewed 500 people in HRM over the last two weeks of April. It carries a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

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## Violence in schools seen as concern

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**SAFETY** New polling data shows a strong majority of HRM residents believe that violence in the municipality's schools is a concern.

Out of 500 respondents in the CityThink survey, 42 per cent said they completely agree that violence in schools is a major concern. Another 38 per cent said they mostly agree

with the same statement. "I think that everybody would say any type of violence is a 'concern,'" Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley said of the result.

He does not think, however, that violence in HRM schools is a problem.

"I'm not sure if it's a perception people have ... or if there's a real issue here that we have to address," he said.

According to Hadley, the

school board's own data shows that violent incidents in schools have been on the wane in recent years. He also said an "overwhelming number" of parents are responding favourably to a similar question asked by the school board.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley said people may be concerned about school violence because those incidents fall under what police call "sig-

nal crimes" — incidents of a shocking nature that stick in people's minds.

He also complimented the school board, saying it does a good job of taking care of students.

"I think the school administration, the teachers and the principals do an excellent job," he said. "Is there an incident from time to time that happens in the schools? It does happen. (But) I think it's more rare in HRM."



An RCMP cruiser passes by a school bus after police responded to a possible bomb threat at Lockview High in this file photo from 2006. Eighty per cent of respondents to the new CityThink poll consider violence in schools to be a major concern.

## Results from the CityThink survey on the topic of crime in HRM

The CityThink survey sampled 500 residents in HRM last month and carries a margin of error of 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

### 1 How safe do you consider downtown Halifax?

- Very safe – 6%
- Mostly safe – 65%
- Neutral – 4%
- Mostly unsafe – 19%
- Very unsafe – 6%

### 2 Have you personally been a victim of serious crime, such as being robbed or attacked, in HRM?

• Yes – 14%- No – 86%

### 3 Do you personally know someone who has been a victim of serious crime, such as being robbed or attacked, in HRM?

- Yes – 47%
- No – 53%

### 4 Are there areas you avoid for safety reasons?

• Yes – 70%- No – 29%

### 5 If yes, which ones? (Respondents could select more than one area)

- Gottingen Street/Uniacke Square area – 49%
- Hydrostone area/North-end Halifax – 25%
- Other areas in Dartmouth, aside from listed – 23%
- Downtown Halifax – 21%
- Spryfield – 21%
- Downtown Dartmouth – 10%
- Cherrybrook/Preston – 8%
- Halifax Commons – 7%
- The Peninsula – 5%
- Central Halifax – 4%
- Fairview – 4%
- Highfield Park – 4%
- Anywhere at night – 3%
- South-end Halifax – 3%
- West-end Halifax – 3%
- Don't know – 2%
- Cole Harbour – 2%
- Waverly – 2%
- Areas with bars and pubs – 2%
- Sackville – 1%

- Clayton Park – 1%
- Herring Cove – 1%
- Bedford – 1%
- Citadel Hill – 1%
- Public housing – 1%
- All areas – 1%
- Refused – 1%

### 6 Thinking about areas of HRM you avoid for safety reasons, are there more than there were five years ago, or are there fewer than five years ago?

- More areas – 48%
- Fewer areas – 11%

- Same amount – 34%
- Don't know – 8%

### 7 Please state if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree that violence in schools is a major concern.

- Completely agree – 42%
- Mostly agree – 38%
- Neutral – 2%
- Mostly disagree – 14%
- Completely disagree – 1%
- Don't know/Refused – 3%

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Manitoba is set to join other provinces such as Ontario in banning negative-option billing. The NDP government is proposing legislation that would disallow companies from charging consumers for services they didn't ask for. Penalties would range up to \$300,000 in fines. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Feds extend seal hunt to end of May

The annual East Coast seal hunt has been extended until the end of the month to allow hunters more time to meet their quota and find markets for their pelts. The hunt opened April 8, but has struggled this year with weak market demand and only one buyer. Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said in a release yesterday that extending the end of the hunt from May 15 until May 31 will ensure sealers "make the best of their opportunities in difficult economic times."

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# Canada

## Family buried

It took only an instant for an idyllic country scene to collapse in an apocalyptic heap — the earth opened, gobbled up part of a village and dragged a family of four down to its death in a muddy crater.

Authorities said the hockey-mad Prefontaine were in the basement of their elegant country home cheering on the Montreal Canadiens when the landslide struck. That was Monday night.

"After digging and going through the rubble we found the four victims," Michel Dore, Quebec's emergency management co-ordinator, said last night.

"They were found very close to one another, some of them lying on the couch in the family room in the basement."

The first body found belonged to father Richard Prefontaine.

The family's golden retriever had been found earlier, alive, tied to a tree in the mud. The dog, named Foxy, was initially so weak it was believed to be dead, but gained strength and was soon walking gingerly.

The landslide tore a hole more than four times the



Four family members were found dead in their home yesterday after it was swept away in a landslide Monday in St-Jude, Que.

size of a football field into St-Jude, a farming community about 50 kilometres east of Montreal.

It ate up three cars, one stretch of a concrete road and most of the pretty Prefontaine house that once sat by a cliff over a tributary of the Yamaska River. The landslide pulled down that cliff.

The area is laden with clay, and residents say

they've had nasty incidents before — including a ground collapse a few years ago that wiped out a small bridge — but never anything like this.

Rescue workers struggled for almost a full day — at times digging with their hands — to enter a home that was mostly buried in mud, with little more than its green roof peeking out.

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## Feds propose nixing pardons

**LAW** New federal legislation tabled by the government yesterday would do away with pardons for criminals and replace them with harder-to-get "record suspensions."

Some criminals, those convicted of sex crimes against children or those with three or more serious convictions, won't even be allowed to apply for such a suspension.

"It's not the state's business to be the forgiveness business," Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said as he outlined the proposed legislation.

"The current system of pardons implies that what



Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, centre, says Ottawa is not "in the forgiveness business."

the person did is somehow OK, or is forgiven or that the harm done has somehow disappeared. Our government disagrees."

Under the new legislation, people convicted of minor crimes will have to

wait five years before applying for a record suspension and those guilty of more serious offences will have to wait 10 years.

As well, it will be up to the criminal to demonstrate that a record suspension would contribute to his or her rehabilitation.

Craig Jones, executive director of the John Howard Society, called it a rush to judgment. He said there may be a case for a review of pardons and parole, but it should be done slowly and carefully, by panels of experts, not by "short-term-oriented, hair-on-fire opportunists."

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### News in brief

**BOOZE BAN** Banff National Park is banning alcohol in its campgrounds on long weekends. Parks Canada staff say they've had too many complaints from campers about intoxicated people ruining their experience in the park. Warden say ever since Alberta parks banned alcohol, people have been coming to Banff to drink and party at campgrounds. If campers are caught with booze, fines range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars with jail time.

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### Man charged after online fraud claims

**EBAY** Numerous complaints about merchandise not being shipped after it was bought on eBay has led to Internet fraud charges against a Winnipeg man.

RCMP say the charges follow a 16-month investigation that was launched when customers outside Canada alleged they weren't getting antiques or replicas they had paid for on the

online site. Police say the alleged victims lost more than \$39,000 US.

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## Tory aide cops to 'mistake'

### INFORMATION A

Conservative staffer who blocked the release of a report to the media repeatedly evaded questions on how many other times he interfered in the Access to Information system.

Sebastien Togneri had previously told a House of Commons committee that he made a "mistake" in ordering that a 137-page document — already cleared by non-partisan civil servants and government lawyers — be "unreleased."

Under further questioning before the committee yesterday, the senior aide to Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis repeatedly consulted his lawyer when asked how frequently this type of practice occurred.

"Uh, in my, my ... yes it's the only time I, uh ... This was, you know, a mistake I made," Togneri said.

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# World



## Artist head-butted during lecture

A Swedish artist who angered Muslims by depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a dog was assaulted yesterday as angry protesters interrupted his university lecture about the limits of artistic freedom. Lars Vilks, left, said a man in the front row ran up to him and head-butted him during the lecture at Uppsala University in Sweden, breaking his glasses, but leaving him uninjured. It wasn't immediately clear what happened to the attacker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Video emerges 2 years after near-tragedy

**AUSTRALIA** Dramatic video footage has emerged of a father saving his infant son by clutching him as a car strikes the man.

The traffic accident happened in the Sydney suburb of Penrith in 2008 and was broadcast for the first time Monday on Australia's Nine Network. The security camera footage shows a car plowing into Andrew Leitch as he held his son, Hayden, on a sidewalk near a shop front.

Leitch's parents, standing nearby, were hit, and the baby's empty stroller was knocked flying.

Leitch held the baby to his chest as he was pushed into the shop window and had his legs pinned by the car.

As the car bore down, Leitch said he thought, "If they hit the back of me, break a leg or whatever, that's fixable. But if they hit my son, he's not fixable."

Leitch said his son was unhurt. Both his parents were hospitalized with injuries, but survived.

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See the dramatic video at [metronews.ca/world](http://metronews.ca/world)

# Companies play the blame game

Finger-pointing over Gulf of Mexico oil spill begins before U.S. Congress

**Oil giant BP told the U.S. Congress yesterday its massive Gulf of Mexico spill was caused by the failure of a key safety device made by another company.**

In turn, that company says BP was in charge, and that a third company that poured concrete to plug the exploratory well didn't do it right. The third company, which was plugging the well in anticipation of future production, says it was only following BP's plan.

The blame game shot into the open yesterday as the U.S. Senate began a hearing into the oil spill that has been contaminating water in the Gulf for three weeks and threatens sensitive marshes and marine life from Louisiana to Texas.

Executives of the three companies, all scheduled to



Demonstrators stand with a 50-foot sign in front of the White House yesterday. The banner was signed by Gulf-area residents.

testify before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, are trying to shift responsibility for the environmental crisis to each other, according to prepared testimony.

The industry testimony planned for the hearing

demonstrated the fissures among companies caught up in the accident and its legal and economic fallout.

"I hear one message — don't blame me," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. "Shifting the blame game doesn't get us very far."

A top executive of BP PLC, which leased the rig for exploratory drilling, focused on a critical safety device that was supposed to shut off oil flow on the ocean floor in the event of a well blowout, but "failed to operate."

"That was to be the fail-safe in case of an accident," Lamar McKay, chairman of BP America, said, pointedly noting that the blowout protector — as well as the rig itself — was owned by Transocean Ltd.

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## Pope makes most pointed admission yet of church's guilt

**ABUSE** Pope Benedict XVI yesterday blamed the church's own sins for the clerical abuse scandal — not a campaign mounted by outsiders — and called for profound purification to end what he called the "greatest persecution" the church has endured.

His strong comments placed responsibility for the crisis squarely on the sins of pedophile priests, repu-

diating the Vatican's initial response to the scandal in which it blamed the media as well as pro-choice and pro-gay marriage advocates for mounting what it called a campaign against the church and the Pope.

Speaking en route to Portugal, Benedict said the Catholic Church had always suffered from problems of its own making, but that "today we see it in a truly

terrifying way."

"The greatest persecution of the church doesn't come from enemies on the outside, but is born from the sins within the church," the pontiff said.

"The church needs to profoundly relearn penitence, accept purification,

learn forgiveness, but also justice." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## News in brief

**PARIS** French lawmakers unanimously passed a resolution yesterday asserting that face-covering Muslim veils are contrary to the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity on which France is founded. The non-binding resolution lays the groundwork for a planned law forbidding face-covering veils in public. One lawmaker compared women who fully cover themselves to "phantoms" and "walking coffins."

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## Business

## Godfrey aims to make Canwest 'digital-first'

**TORONTO** The new head of Canwest's newspaper division says the media company needs to dedicate more attention to selling advertising space on its slate of websites in order to boost profits.

Paul Godfrey says the newspaper chain — which owns the Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun and Ottawa Citizen — should adopt a "digital-first attitude" when it comes to its future operations.

Canwest Global Communications announced Monday it had approved the



Paul Godfrey

sale of its newspapers to a group of creditors led by Godfrey, who is president of the National Post.

The deal is worth \$1.1 billion, including enough cash to pay off the bank lenders, which are owed about \$925 million. The chain has been under court protection.

The bid beat out an offer from Torstar Corp., which had the backing of insurance and investment management firm Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.

The sale makes Godfrey — a former Sun Media and Toronto Blue Jay executive — one of the most powerful media bosses in Canada.

A veteran of Canada's

media industry, Godfrey was hired more than a year and a half ago to revamp the Post's operations.

Meanwhile, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday Paul Godfrey can remain chairman of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. and that there is no conflict of interests after Godfrey led a successful bid for the Canwest newspaper chain.

"He'll continue with his responsibilities at the OLG," McGuinty said, in response to questions from journalists.

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## We're still too far in debt: Report

**ECONOMY** Neither recession, global uncertainty nor growing joblessness appears to have stayed Canadians' appetite for spending money they don't have.

A new report by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada shows that household debt

in the country kept rising through the recession and peaked in December at \$1.41 trillion.

That's \$41,740 on average per Canadian, or debt-to-income ratio of 144 per cent — the worst among 20 advanced countries in the OECD.

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## Business in brief

**REGULATION** Toronto is the "Wayne Gretzky" of Canada's financial markets and should be home to a new national securities regulator, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday. Quebec may complain

that it would be hurt by the creation of a single regulator, but Toronto is the country's leader in financial services and is the natural home for the new body, said McGuinty.

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## Comment

## Idea may take flight

## TheWestView

Paul  
Sullivan

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It's hard to believe, but Canada does not have a national bird. It's even harder to believe, but there's actually someone out there who cares.

The Canadian Raptor Conservancy (CRC), from somewhere in Ontario, has captured the imagination of a nation fed up with the usual bird brains by sponsoring a write-in contest to determine a bird of a different feather, a national bird, and then taking the results to Ottawa.

Where, presumably, they will be interred in the National Petition Graveyard along with all the others.

So score one for the CRC. But, as you might ex-

pect from an organization dedicated to conserving raptors, the results to date are skewed. The red-tailed hawk is in the lead, with the Canada goose second and the loon third.

I'm sure the red-tailed hawk is a swell bird, but it's hardly a national icon. Not only that, its nickname is the chicken hawk.

If you ask me, we don't even want to go there.



The Canada goose already says Canada — literally — but as it has

moved in and pooped all over city parks from Citadel Hill to Stanley Park, it hardly needs to be encouraged.

Who can resist the call of the loon? Certainly not Ontario, which has already adopted the loon as its provincial bird. We don't want to launch a constitutional crisis by stealing its bird. Ontario is feeling fragile as it is.

The gull? Rats with wings. Ditto pigeons.

We could ruffle the feathers of our American cousins and adopt the bald eagle as our national bird, as there are more bald eagles in B.C. than the entire United States, but as various countries around the world have learned, it's not wise

to mess with the U.S. Instead, why not

adopt a bird that has a real Canadian personality? I nominate *passer domesticus*, also known as the common house sparrow.

She's a hardy little critter who toughs out the Canadian winter and survives everything we throw at her: Cats, pesticides, concrete, nasty little boys with BB guns, etc.

She's so hardy, she's on the Least Concern list of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which keeps track of species around the globe. She's a survivor.

And she couldn't be less like the bald eagle, which is the epitome of imperialism: Proud, majestic, cruel. The house sparrow turns up every day, dependable and humble, just like us. Considering how things are going for the eagle these days, that's not such a bad thing.

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## DAVID CAMERON BECOMES BRITISH PM



## Worth mentioning

## Media watchdog has concerns about Ukraine

A European media rights watchdog says it is concerned about pressures on journalists working for Ukraine's TV channels and is urging authorities to respect media freedom.

"We are concerned by these developments, which threaten to reverse major steps we saw in past years toward democracy, partly thanks to press freedom," Arne König, president of the Brussels-based European Federation of Journalists, said in a state-

ment yesterday.

Last week, journalists from Ukraine's two major private TV channels complained about censorship by authorities.

Last month, Paris-based Reporters Without Borders said the ex-Soviet nation has seen a return of intimidation and physical attacks on journalists and abuse of authority directed at the media since the election of its new, Russia-friendly president earlier this year.

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## Word on the street: Do you think the catastrophic worldwide weather patterns are a sign the apocalypse is nigh?

Mary  
MacIntosh  
Halifax

A: No ... Maybe ... Yeah. I think it's a sign that God hates us. (The weather) sucks right now.

Josh  
Vincent  
Halifax

A: I have no idea. I hope not. If (the apocalypse) happens, it happens I guess.

Ann  
Nadeau  
Toronto

A: No, I do not. People have been talking about that forever. In every era, people think theirs is different ... There were special things in all eras.

Leo  
Neitzel  
Ottawa

A: I think so. The extremes are getting more extreme. Huge things happen in such little amounts of time.

Laura  
Steffen  
Vancouver

A: This is climate change. Global warming does exist. I've seen in my life how much the weather has changed.

Patrick  
Davidson  
Edmonton

A: No, not at all. I think there are highs and lows with our weather, and I think, with global warming and things like that, people obviously need to take care of the Earth a little bit better.



## Quote of the Day

**"It's complex and it's exceedingly important that we get it right, both in defending the public interest and in defending national security and getting the right balance between the two."**

— LIBERAL HOUSE LEADER RALPH GOODALE AFTER FEDERAL PARTIES WERE GRANTED THREE MORE DAYS TO BROKER A DEAL AIMED AT AVERTING A PARLIAMENTARY SHOWDOWN — AND POSSIBLE ELECTION — OVER SENSITIVE AFGHAN DETAINEE DOCUMENTS.

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# Travel

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## An award no company wants to win

Worst name for a car rental company? Rent-a-Bomb. That's among the winners in a new book entitled the Titanic Awards — a compilation of travel gripes written by Doug Lansky, a travel writer in Sweden who started titanicawards.com in 2009 to highlight the worst of the travel industry. The awards are broken down into several categories.

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Palm trees line the island.

## Boracay's beaches best bar none

INGA JASNA  
Metro World News

**I finally did it, I quit my job. But there's no point being a boss if you can't make executive decisions and my first one was to give myself a holiday.**

So I bought a return ticket and jumped on a plane headed for the Philippines — Manila to be precise.

Manila is big and noisy — and like most big cities in Asia you want to leave as soon as possible. So, the next morning I boarded a tiny plane to a town called Catigan then a short ferry to the tropical paradise that is Boracay Island.

I had no hotel so I asked a driver and ended up at Holiday Homes de Boracay — a paradise for pennies. The normal going rate



Boracay's sunsets are topped by no others in the world.

was 1,500 pesos (\$25) per night — but I was staying for three weeks and negotiated a 600 pesos (\$10) per night deal for a suite in a beach hotel with en suite bathroom, one huge dou-

ble bed and 60-channel TV. There was a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet for about \$5 and it was served at candle-lit tables on the beach.

And in Boracay the

beaches are everything.

On the seven-kilometre-long, one-kilometre-wide island there are 12 of them.

The longest and most famous is White Sand beach — porcelain sands framed by swaying palm trees, at the edge of crystal clear blue water — the kind of place it is impossible to take a bad picture here.

The nightlife is busy too. I could often hear a ballad playing in my left ear.

But what stands out most is the contrast between most mainstream resorts and Boracay — there are almost no tourists here. It makes the sea seem bluer, the sands whiter and your mind calmer. As I stepped into the waves I experienced that calm and at that moment I knew I'd made the right decision.

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**Stars lock up Lehtonen for three years**

The Dallas Stars and goaltender Kari Lehtonen agreed yesterday to a three-year, \$10.65 million US contract extension that locks up Marty Turco's replacement through the 2012-13 season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Sports



## Dead golfer had bags packed

LPGA golfer Erica Blasberg had her bags packed for a tournament in Alabama when she died suddenly at her home in suburban Henderson, Nev., her agent said yesterday. Police aren't saying how she died. Blasberg, left, was scheduled to leave last Sunday to play a qualification round on Monday for the Bell Micro LPGA Classic in Mobile, said the agent, Chase Callahan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Can Habs do it again?

No. 8 seed looking for second upset in a row

**Heading into Game 7 of the NHL playoff series between Montreal and Pittsburgh, a reporter asked Maxim Lapierre "What's the key?"**

"It's a little metal thing you use to open the door," the Montreal forward said, and after a pause for comic effect added: "Really, it's passion, heart. It's the team that wants it most that's going to win."

The pesky Lapierre is one of several Canadiens who is bringing a lot of both as the eighth-seeded team in the NHL Eastern Conference plays the role of giant killer in the playoffs.

The Canadiens upset first-place overall Washington in seven games in the first round, coming back from a 3-1 series deficit, and now have forced a deciding seventh game in Pittsburgh tonight with a 4-3 victory on home ice in Game 6 Monday.

The story of the Cinderella Canadiens has been their red-hot goaltender, Jaroslav Halak, and the 11



P.K. Subban congratulates Montreal teammate Jaroslav Halak after defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday.

goals scored in 13 post-season games by left-winger Michael Cammalleri. He has had six in as many games against Pittsburgh.

But success has also come from a long list of others, including the defence, veterans Brian Gionta and Scott Gomez, and checking forwards like Dominic Moore, Travis Moen and Lapierre.

Together, they have limited the impact of Penguins stars Sidney Crosby,

who has one goal and four assists in the series, and Evgeni Malkin, who despite some impressive rushes with the puck has only one goal and two assists.

And while Pittsburgh won the series opener 6-3, the Canadiens have closed whatever gap there was between the teams so that the last three games have each been decided by one goal, making Game 7 a toss-up. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Cormier will face charges for on-ice hit

**QMIHL** The former captain of Canada's world junior hockey team will face criminal charges in addition to a suspension for a hit to an opposing player in January.

Annie-Claude Bergeron, a spokesman for the Crown prosecutor's office in Rouyn-Noranda, says Patrice Cormier has been charged with assault causing injury.

Cormier, a forward with the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, will appear in court July 12. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 18 months in jail.

Cormier was suspended for the rest of the regular season and the playoffs on Jan. 25 for an elbow to the jaw that sent Mikael Tam of the Quebec Remparts into convulsions on the ice.

Tam spent a night in hospital after the hit, but eventually was able to return to the ice and then was suspended himself for two games for a hit from behind. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## NHL Canucks face elimination



Chicago Blackhawks Dave Bolland scores against Vancouver Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo as Canucks Pavol Demitra looks on last night in Vancouver. The Canucks needed a win to force Game 7. **For game results, visit metronews.ca/sports.**



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Tom Glavine is joining Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, former teammate Greg Maddux and three others as the seventh Braves player to have his uniform number retired. The Braves will induct Glavine into the team's Hall of Fame and retire his No. 47 on Aug. 6. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Flyers taking momentum into Game 6

(Bruins lead series 3-2)

Boston at Philadelphia



**Goalie Michael Leighton presumed his Flyers teammates had one thought when he was pressed into emergency service for Game 5.**

"Am I allowed to swear?" a laughing Leighton said. His guess: Something like the phrase, Oh no!

By the end of Philadelphia's 4-0 win, it was the Boston Bruins whose thoughts shifted more toward the profane. Once holding a dominating 3-0 series lead, the Bruins have lost two straight games and allowed the Flyers to seize momentum and send their confidence skyrocketing heading into tonight's Game 6.

"Things can change in a hurry," Flyers forward Danny Briere said yesterday.

Briere meant in the win

**"Things can change in a hurry." Danny Briere, Flyers forward**

column, but he may as well have been talking about Philadelphia's goalie carousel this season. Ray Emery, Brian Boucher, Johan Backlund, Jeremy Duchesne, Carter Hutton, Sebastian Caron and Leighton all were on Philadelphia's roster at one point.

Boucher was riding a hot

streak into the post-season and had played well until he was injured in Game 5. The Flyers said Boucher has a sprained MCL in his left knee and could miss up to a month.

Boucher's injury gave Leighton another shot at the No. 1 job.

Leighton, though, hadn't played in two months because of a sprained ankle and was forced to watch games from the press box. He had not played since March 16 when he was put on the active roster before

Game 5.

Great timing.

Leighton was needed in a pinch, but the lengthy layoff was exactly why he couldn't blame his teammates if they quietly doubted his ability to hold the lead.

"My legs were shaking a little bit, I was nervous," Leighton said.

"Once I made a few saves, you kind of forget about that and just get focused. It kind of goes away."

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## Jazz look to lottery after playoff disappointment

**NBA** The Utah Jazz have a week before they can really start plotting their future.

The Jazz's season ended Monday night with a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, who swept Utah out of the second round of the NBA playoffs.

The disappointment of being swept was still apparent as the players reported less than 12 hours after the season ended to clean out their lockers and meet with team officials.

"It's not fun to walk away from a series when you've just been zapped four-zip," coach Jerry Sloan said. "I don't care who you are. In this business, if you accept that then I'd like to play against you."

The Jazz know there are some changes likely to come, but won't know until after next week's draft lottery what direction the team will take. Two-time all-star forward Carlos Boozer will be an unrestricted free agent and Utah may not be able to af-



Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, No. 8, is fouled by Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, right, during Game 4 of the second-round playoff series in Salt Lake City on Monday. The Lakers defeated the Jazz 111-96 to sweep the series.

ford to re-sign him.

General manager Kevin O'Connor said that the planning will really begin after next Tuesday's NBA draft lottery. Utah holds the first round of the NBA draft. If the current order holds, the Jazz would be

picking ninth in the draft. If the Jazz get a lucky bounce, they could pick higher. Once the Jazz know where they're picking, then O'Connor said they can take a closer look at free agents — including Boozer.

"The first move we'll see

on the 18th is where we wind up in the draft," O'Connor said.

Shooting guard Kyle Korver is also headed for free agency. Both he and Boozer opted last summer to play out the final year of their contracts.

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## Griffey insists he was available to hit despite napping reports

**SLEEP** Ken Griffey Jr. insisted yesterday he was available to pinch hit during a recent Seattle Mariners game, in spite of a report that he was taking a nap.

Quoting two Mariners who spoke anonymously, The (Tacoma) News Tribune wrote that Griffey was asleep in the clubhouse during Saturday's game against the Los Angeles Angels, leaving manager Don Wakamatsu scrambling to get someone else to hit.

"I'm available all the time," Griffey said. "There are some issues that are not true in that situation."

"I can't win this and I'm not trying to. There are some things that are not accurate. I'll leave it at that."

Wakamatsu backed up Griffey's assertion. "He wasn't asleep. He was available to pinch hit and I chose not to use him as the manager," Wakamatsu said,

adding that Griffey was in the dugout at the time.

Griffey was vague in his denial.

Asked if he was asleep during the game, Griffey waited and stared for several seconds after hearing the question. He then said, "Anything else you want to ask?"

He seemed more interested in finding out which of his teammates said he was sleeping on the job.

"I'm just hoping that whoever said it will be man enough to come to me," Griffey said.

Wakamatsu put the 40-year-old Griffey in the starting lineup last night against the Baltimore Orioles.

The manager labelled the issue "a distraction," and was more intent on getting his last-place club ready to make a move in the AL West.

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Ken Griffey Jr.

**Argos release Sawler**

The Toronto Argonauts released Dartmouth's Gordon Sawler yesterday. Sawler, a six-foot-four, 280-pound offensive lineman, was selected in the fifth round (34th overall) of last year's CFL draft but couldn't crack the Argonauts' 2009 roster and returned to the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Mackinnon commits to join Huskies next season

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**HOCKEY** The Saint Mary's Huskies have added to next season's offensive arsenal with a verbal commitment from left-winger Chris MacKinnon.

The Huskies, who won their first University Cup in March as Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey champions, are getting a prolific point producer who finished tied for seventh in the Ontario Hockey League scoring

race with 29 goals and 61 assists for 90 points in 64 games with the Kitchener Rangers.

He'll help fill the void that will be left with the departures of former CIS player of the year Marc Rancourt and leading goal-scorer Cody Thornton.

"He's a good, skilled player and a good student," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "He's what we need. We need to keep our talent level up and he's a great kid who wants to go to school."

The five-foot-eight, 185-pound native of Aurora, Ont., piled up 27 points in 20 post-season games this spring and finished with 256 points in 250 career OHL games.

The Huskies also received a commitment from forward Michael Stickland of the Swift Current Broncos. Stickland had 25 goals and 32 assists for 57 points in 69 games last season and has 172 points and 305 penalty minutes during his four-year Western Hockey League career.



Chris MacKinnon

## AUS to 'wait-and-see' about Final 8

**BASKETBALL** Atlantic University Sport is taking a wait-and-see approach to potentially hosting the 2013 and 2014 Final 8 men's basketball championships.

As reported in Metro in March, the AUS — which is hosting the 2011 and 2012 Final 8s at the Metro Centre — is not submitting a bid to keep the Canadian Interuniversity Sport extravaganza around for two more years.

The deadline is Friday. Although other groups could swoop in and submit a winning bid, AUS

executive director Phil Currie said that's a risk "we have to take" because his group first needs to see how the CIS's new hosting model plays out in 2011.

If no one else bids, Currie said he isn't sure what will happen.

"We haven't considered (bidding) at all," he said. "It's wait-and-see."

The event has been held at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa the past three years, a stretch that followed a 24-year run at the Metro Centre.

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# One step closer to the dream

North Preston native Johnson headed to NCAA's Liberty Flames

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**When Chris Johnson moved to Toronto in 2006, he had one thing on his mind.**

Ever since he was a boy, the North Preston native dreamed of being a professional basketball player, and knew moving away from Nova Scotia was the best way to start working toward that goal.

Four years later, the six-foot-five guard has signed a national letter of intent to play NCAA Division I men's basketball with the Liberty Flames starting this fall in Virginia.

It's a road not often travelled by Nova Scotians, but the former Auburn Drive Eagles high school standout knew it was the right one for him.

"I like the pressure of the NCAA and the impor-

tance of the game," Johnson said. "This is how I want to feed my family one day and the other guys here want the same thing. It will push me to be better."

Johnson spent two years in Toronto playing at the collegiate level at Eastern Commerce while working out with the junior national team. That helped him land a scholarship at Kilgore College in Texas, where he caught the eye of NCAA coaches in two seasons at the National Junior College Athletic Association level.

Twenty-two Division I schools recruited Johnson, who averaged a team-best 18.9 points in 11 games last season but fractured his foot in December and missed the rest of the campaign. He decided on Liberty because he said it presented him with the best oppor-

### Rare feat for Bluenosers

• It's a rarity for Nova Scotians to play NCAA Division I men's basketball. Six-foot-10 centre Corey Hallett, a native of Sandy Point, Shelburne Co., enjoyed a four-year career with Central Michigan and Monmouth ending in 2007, averaging 3.1 points and 2.5 rebounds in 112 career games.

Halifax's Kenny Perry, the

younger brother of former St. Francis Xavier X-Men star Fred Perry, saw two minutes of floor time in five games at San Francisco in 2007-08, but the six-foot guard left the school at season's end. No other Bluenosers are known to have played at that level in at least a decade.

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tunity.

"My biggest thing was not going somewhere where I would just be another player," Johnson said. "I wanted to go somewhere where I could step in and make an impact right away."

Kilgore head coach Brian Hoberrecht said Johnson "has a chance to be an impact player at Liberty," calling him a "versa-

tile scorer" who can "score off the bounce, shoot the ball and get to the foul line."

Johnson will spend the summer working out with the junior national team in an effort to get his foot back to 100 per cent for the fall.

"Once my foot gets healthy, everything's going to take care of itself," he said.



North Preston native Chris Johnson has starred at Texas's Kilgore College the past two seasons and is now set to take his game to the NCAA Division I level.

The government of Canada may consider allowing the sale of motor quadracycles, essentially motorized four-wheeled bicycles, for on-road use. A new public consultation paper will be published to consider the importation and distribution of motor quadracycles for on-road use in Canada. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

**Quads under consideration**

# Metro Drive

## Used and confused

Canadian drivers are making uninformed decisions when they're buying used cars, and more than half who have purchased a pre-owned car admitted they didn't get all the facts, according to a survey commissioned by Kijiji Canada.

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### Automotive in brief

**SAFETY RATING** Following in the footsteps of the 2010 Soul urban passenger vehicle, the 2010 Kia Forte compact sedan has been recognized by the U.S. Insurance Institute for

Highway Safety (IIHS) with a 2010 Top Safety Pick award in the Small Car category. The new Forte, which replaced Kia's popular Spectra model, received the organization's top

honour by earning Good ratings — the highest achievable — in frontal, side, rear and rollover impact crash safety tests.

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## Galant rock solid

Can Mitsu sedan take on segment rivals?

PETER BLEAKNEY  
for Metro Canada



**Lets have a show of hands. How many of you have seen a Mitsubishi Galant on the road recently? Um ... okay. Anyone even know what a Galant looks like?**

Cue the crickets.

This, the ninth-generation of Mitsubishi's four-door mid-sized sedan, has been around since 2003, and flies so far under shopper's radar it's almost subterranean. Last year Mitsu moved 463 Galants in Canada (total Mitsubishi sales were 19,786). Compare that to 15,524 Toyota Camrys and 16,526 Ford Fusions.

For 2010, Mitsubishi has streamlined the Galant line to one model — the 160 hp 2.4L four-cylinder ES with four-speed manual, un-

### 2010 Mitsubishi Galant

**Type:** Mid-sized sedan  
**Price:** from \$23,998  
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**HP:** 160

#### Highlights

- Refined handling
- Roomy interior

heated fabric seats and nary an available option. Asking price is \$23,998, which puts it right in the thick of this fiercely competitive segment. Exhibit A: the all-new and very stylish 2011 Hyundai Sonata that packs a 198 hp direct-injection 2.4L four with six-speed auto for \$24,249.

The Galant is not a bad car. It's just not a great car, and in this company you may as well just stay home.

For 2010 the Galant gets side skirts, black headlight

surrounds (from last year's 3.8L V6 GT model) a new grill and 16-inch alloys that look somewhat lost in the wheel wells.

In the plus ledger, the Galant feels structurally rock solid and exhibits a matured and refined ride/handling balance. While the steering isn't particularly communicative, it is quick and accurate. All in all, this Mitsu is quite comfortable, with good seats, plenty of headroom and capacious rear quarters.

While the four-speed auto is down one or two cogs from the competition, it's a smooth and quick shifting unit. In day-to-day operation it works just fine, and I didn't really miss the extra gears.

Mitsubishi has added standard stability control to the 2010 Galant ES.

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**"If you're a luxury brand there is always opportunity to sell even outside of the core business."**

Lamborghini's  
Stephan Winkelmann

exotic cars has opened only its third retail shop in the world in this Vancouver suburb — the others are in Beijing and Los Angeles.

The store in Richmond's upscale Aberdeen Centre had its grand opening last weekend, highlighted by a parade of Lamborghinis to the mall and then a fashion

show displaying its "collezione" of Italian-designed sporty clothes carrying Lambo's trademark Spanish fighting bull logo.

In the last three years company officials have discovered what other ultra-luxury automakers such as arch-rival Ferrari have known for some time: a lot of people want to identify themselves, even in a small way, with la dolce vita.

"If you're a luxury brand there is always the opportunity to sell even outside the core business," says Stephan Winkelmann, president of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A., in town for the store's grand opening.

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The federal government announced yesterday over \$6.9 million for a University of Manitoba pilot project to increase family medicine residency positions for Canada's North. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Workology

## Graduates with great expectations

Most graduates undoubtedly aspire to ascend the career ladder, but new research suggests some members of the millennial generation have high expectations about how fast it will happen. Researchers found more than two-thirds of those surveyed expected to be promoted within the first 18 months in their first job. While the average starting salary expected for their first job was just under \$43,000, they expected to see that annual pay rate climb to more than \$69,000 — a 63 per cent surge — within five years of graduation.

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## Rural or urban, a vet's question

### Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE  
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Graduates from veterinary school have a wide career path opening before them, but for many, the decision comes down to rural versus urban. A rural career will likely be a mix of large-animal care like cows and small-animal care for the area pets, while urban will mean working in a pet hospital.

Dr Lisa Miller, associate dean of academic and student affairs at the Atlantic Veterinary College in P.E.I., says it's usually about lifestyle, not salary. Those who are drawn to rural work often grew up in that environment or are attracted to the deeper community and greater independence. The downside is long hours and a lot of traveling. While a pet hospital just opens its doors and lets the animals come to it, rural practitioners must travel to the animals.

"A lot of people can't physically do the work," Miller says.

Elizabeth Lowenger, diversity and career coordinator at the Ontario Veterinary College, at the University of Guelph, says the shortage of rural workers stems from the fact that women have come to dominate the profession in the past decade.

"It's a little more diffi-



**"If a cow is calving in the middle of the night, you've got to go."**

Elizabeth Lowenger

cult to do large animal if you're pregnant or if you have children," she says. Women vets may start in rural, large-animal care, but are less likely to stay. "It's not quite as hygienic and it's long hours. If a cow is calving in the middle of the night, you've got to go," she says. "But some people like the variety."

Those factors were on Tasha Kean-Clark's mind when she graduated from the Atlantic Veterinary School in 2008 and moved to Calgary to start work in a small-animal clinic. She loves the challenges and regular life.

"Living in a large city with many 24-hour clinics means I never work overnight shifts, as I can

transfer my patients out for the night if needed," she says. "The desire to work Monday to Friday ... and have a healthy work-life balance is the primary reason I am in small-animal medicine. The only downside is my love of emergency medicine, which I only get to do a smidge of."

A third way is to follow Miller's path — she's a pathologist. It allows her to work regular hours and on all species, but with one nagging drawback: They're all dead by the time she gets to them.

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### Workology in brief

**GRAD HAPPINESS** New research from Australia's National Centre for Vocational Education Research finds that undertaking vocational qualifications such as an apprenticeship or traineeship has a positive impact on happiness during and following training. In comparison, university graduates report high levels of happiness during their time at school, but lower levels of hap-

piness after graduation. One explanation for the decline in happiness associated with a university degree is that the time in university is particularly happy for those who go on to gain a degree, with their subsequent work and life experiences seeming to be not quite as good in relative terms. **BETTER GRADES AT USASK** According to a recent study, University of Saskatchewan

students involved in Learning Communities — a program to help first-year students make the transition into university life — earned grades that were on average 10 per cent higher than those of non-Learning Community students. Each community begins with 30 to 40 first-year students who enrol in the same set of classes and participate in community-specific activities.

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# NURSING WEEK

## Celebrating 100 Years of Nursing Excellence

Thanks to the dedication of its first executive, chaired by a nurse named Evaline Pemberton, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia is now celebrating its 100th anniversary ... as the oldest legislated nursing body in the country.

When Miss Pemberton met with six nursing colleagues in April 1909 they laid the foundation for everything registered nurses in Nova Scotia are so proud of today. And in April 1910, they made history when the province's House of Assembly passed the first nursing legislation in Canada – An Act to Incorporate the Graduate Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia.

Since then this legislation has changed nine times as the profession has kept pace with everything from technological advances to the rapidly growing body of nursing knowledge, and ever evolving public expectations of healthcare professionals.

"Our newest legislation holds true to the essence of what our first executive was working toward," says Kimberley

Lamarche, 46th president of the College, speaking to the Registered Nurses Act

proclaimed on April 1, 2009. "This Act reflects the College's commitment to

advance the practice of nursing, maintain public confidence in the profession, and enhance public access to quality health services."



**Kimberley Lamarche, 46th president of the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, at the Centennial Launch on May 13, 2009.**

Today, as the regulatory body for the province's 9,800 registered nurses and nurse practitioners, the College meets its mandate to protect the public by setting standards for entry into the profession, as well as for nursing practice; licensing qualified individuals; promoting nurses' continuing competence; and taking disciplinary action when necessary.

The College launched its Centennial celebrations at its 100th annual general meeting, in May 2009, when it had the honour to present its Centennial Award of Distinction to 100 current and former nurses for their outstanding achievements and commitment to the nursing profession.

Since then Centennial celebrations have taken place across the province, and next month up to 1000 RNs from across Canada will share in the pride as Nova Scotia hosts the CNA Biennial Conference in Halifax.

## CUPE salutes LPNs and CCAs during National Nurses Week

With significantly expanded training and skills, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Continuing Care Assistants (CCAs) bring professionalism and compassion to their vital roles in patient and resident care.

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As we mark National Nurses Week, May 10-16, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the thousands of women and men who do this important work here in Nova Scotia.



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*Celebrates 100 years of Nursing Excellence*



**April 1910:** Nova Scotia made history when it introduced the first nursing legislation in Canada, making the Graduate Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia (now known as the College of Registered Nurses) the first legislated nursing body in the country.

**May 2009:** The College of Registered Nurses launched its Centennial celebrations at its 100th annual general meeting.

**June 7-9, 2010:** Up to 1,000 registered nurses from across Canada will join in the Centennial celebrations, when the College hosts the Canadian Nurses Association's AGM & Biennial Conference in Halifax.

*Chairperson of The Canadian National Association of Registered Nurses' conference, Halifax, July 1914*

*Evaline Pemberton, the first president of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia, is pictured in the top row, third from the left.*



*Three generations of nurses share the honours of the Centennial cake-cutting: Mabel Doucet, a former RN (centre), with daughter, Marie (left, RN) and granddaughter, Sarah King (right, RN).*

To learn about the practice of registered nurses/nurse practitioners and the role of the College of Registered Nurses, you can reach us by phone at 491.9744 (1.800.565.9744) or e-mail at [info@cnns.ca](mailto:info@cnns.ca). To check out the College website go to [www.cnns.ca](http://www.cnns.ca).

# Diverse Choices in Nursing

Nursing has changed dramatically over the last 100 years, with increases in education and technology driving the profession into the future. What remains the same is that nurses provide vital care throughout our lives.

Shannon Wark is pre-admission clinic nurse at the IWK. In her 21 years of nursing, she's seen a lot of changes. "The facets of nursing have changed a lot from the traditional Florence Nightingale days," she says. The level of education has risen

dramatically and nurses share a lot of that education with their patients and the families of their patients.

"It is also a profession where you have a lot of areas that you can branch out into. It's not tied into being one area," she says.

Acute-care nurses deal with high-energy, highly emotional situations like unexpected traumas or, at the other end of the human experience, the birth of babies.

"It's never boring – there are always new challenges," Wark says. "You have to be someone who has that nurturing part of your personality. You have to have the compassion and the knowledge base. It's a profession that challenges you intellectually and challenges you emotionally. If you like fast-paced, adrenaline-rush care, you can get that in nursing."

Doreen Charman, a long-term care nurse, says she often jokes with her sister, a retired acute-care nurse, about her sister seeing the babies in while she sees the grandparents out.

Nearing retirement herself, she looks back happily on the diverse career offering a wealth of opportunities. "It's physically and emotionally and intellectually challenging," she says. "You experience the joy of doing something good in a difficult world."

The average stay in a long-term care facility is now about two years, allowing time for nurses to develop deep relationships with the patients and their families as they work through a difficult time in their lives. Nurses can help them regain some independence and perhaps find some peace.

"It can be very humbling," Charman says.



*Doreen Charman, a long-term care nurse nearing retirement herself, looks back happily on a diverse career offering a wealth of opportunities.*

**National Nursing Week is an opportunity to pay tribute to Canada's nurses for their provision of outstanding patient-centred care and commitment to advancing the health system.**

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*Shannon Wark is pre-admission clinic nurse at the IWK.*



The team at AWARE-NS - executive coordinator Pam Verge, CEO Mary-Lou MacDonald and director of research and development Jason Slaunwhite

# Focus on Safety

Formed in March 2009, AWARE-NS is the safety association for health care and community services workers in Nova Scotia. Its mandate is the prevention of workplace injuries and illness within those fields.

"Since 1987, the average number of days Canadians in health occupations lost due to illness or disability has been at least 1.5 times greater than the average for all workers," says Jason Slaunwhite, the association's director of research and development. As sobering as that news is, "it's definitely not declining."

"We're seeing a lot of people in this sector are being exposed to many hazards on a day-to-day basis," he adds.

These hazards include exposure to infectious diseases and exposure to violence – both from patients and the incivility of co-workers and patients families.

Not surprising then, workers also have high rates of stress.

"They're working in a system that's stressed to begin with and resource depleted," says Slaunwhite.

He recommends a few things to make the working environments safer. Raising

community awareness about what workers are experiencing on a day-to-day basis is a good start.

Slaunwhite sees AWARE-NS facilitating the sharing of occupational health and safety best practices in the sector.

Health care workers also have the highest rates of musculoskeletal injuries compared to any other worker. Slaunwhite says these devastating injuries are usually associated with patient handling, so mechanical handling devices (such as patient lift and transfer devices) would help.

"A lot of these injuries could be prevented through increased awareness, training and (the) installation of proper equipment," he says.

Slaunwhite says the feedback to what AWARE-NS is doing has been very positive.

"Workers are definitely grateful the focus is now on their safety and well-being," he says. "They want to see change in this industry. It's not acceptable to have the highest WCB claim rates in Nova Scotia... Ultimately, the sustainability of the entire health and community services system, which affects all Nova Scotians, depends on it."



# Trends in Scrubs

As the owner of J D Uniforms, Jo-Anne Dalton sells medical uniforms to all sorts of professionals, including nurses, vets and dentists. Scrubs are at the core of those professions' uniforms – and Dalton is a fan.

"They're like wearing pajamas," she says. "They're just so comfy and so moveable. They wash up so well. If you're going to be on your feet for eight to 12 hours a day, you want to be comfortable in what you're wearing."

Dalton says scrubs have evolved significantly within the past 10 years.

"They're just a lot more flattering than they used to be," she says. "They don't make you look as though you're wearing a box."

J D Uniforms sells scrubs for men, women and children, although the latter is not immensely popular.

"They're cute, but no, they're not a big seller," says Dalton.

The business has been around since 2002 and has been at its location in the Bayers Lake Business Park since 2006. Prior to that, Dalton travelled across the Maritimes and sold her product on the road.

As much as a fan Dalton is of scrubs, she doesn't wear them at work.

"A lot of people ask me why I don't," says Dalton. "And I don't have a good enough reason why."

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# Supporting New Nurses



**Pat Bellefontaine is the project coordinator for the Late Career Nurses and New Graduate Transition project and Joan Philpitt provides administrative support.**

A 2006 Canadian Federation of Nurses Union study funded by Health Canada identified the need to support new nursing graduates and other initiatives that would help with the recruitment and retention of nurses.

As a result of this study, the Research to Action Project came to life. It is a series of nine pilot projects across the country which began in October 2008 to help address these issues. (A 10th project began in Nunavut in November 2009.)

In Nova Scotia, the project is called Support for Late Career Nurses and New Graduate Transition.

Two of its primary goals are "to provide opportunities for both new and experienced nurses to enhance their work experience and create a positive working environment," says Pat Bellefontaine, the project coordinator in Nova Scotia.

The second goal is to engage nurses unions, employers and government in new collaborative projects.

The specific objectives for each project vary across Canada. One of the initiatives in

Nova Scotia is the 80/20 Late Career Nurse professional development staffing model. This means nurses will spend 80 per cent of their salaried time practicing direct patient care and the other 20 per cent will be spent on mentoring new nursing graduates and other initiatives such as supporting the provincial Models of Care initiative.

Another objective is enhancing orientation and transition programs.

"We're partnering experienced nurses with new graduates to support them in their first year of transition," says Bellefontaine.

An inventory of the existing orientation and transition programs has been completed and a standardized provincial orientation and transition framework is in development.

The feedback has been very positive.

"It's been very well-received," says Bellefontaine.

The initiatives are all evaluated on an ongoing basis, which includes focus groups and surveys.

A vertical poster with a blue background. At the top, the text 'NSGEU NURSES' is in white, with 'NS' in blue and 'GEU' in yellow. Below it, 'Caring for You' is written in a large, white, serif font, with 'for' in a smaller script font. A yellow ribbon graphic is integrated into the letter 'Y'. In the center, three women are standing and smiling. The woman in the foreground is wearing a patterned scrub top and brown pants. Behind her are two other women, one in a red sweater and the other in a green top. At the bottom, the website 'www.nsgeu.ca' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

Colin Farrell is slated to play a vampire in the Fright Night remake opposite Anton Yelchin, empireonline.com reports. Craig Gillespie is directing the Marti Noxon-scripted redo of the cult 1985 horror comedy/drama. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

## Swift rise

She's only 20, but Taylor Swift is getting in the hall of fame. The country starlet will receive the Hal David Starlight Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards on June 17. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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## Matters of the heart

Redgrave, Seyfried search for love in Letters to Juliet

ANNE BRODIE  
for Metro Canada



Amanda Seyfried and Vanessa Redgrave star in Gary Winick's romance drama *Letters to Juliet*. They embark on a mission to find the lower Redgrave's character left behind in Tuscany 50 years earlier.

The key is the long-standing tourist tradition of writing letters to Juliet, Shakespeare's tragic heroine in *Romeo and Juliet*. Girls come to Verona from all over the world to leave lovelorn letters at Juliet's balcony, which are answered by Juliet's 'secretaries.' Director Gary Winick gave it a shot himself ... just to see, before committing to the major production with one of his most admired actresses.

"I wrote to the secretaries from New York asking for advice. You send the letter and you know Juliet doesn't exist, never did, but there are these secretaries who do and they answer. I just did it.

**"The film pitch was that a letter got stuck in the wall and 50 years later gets answered and that person comes to find (the) person they were in love with. Everyone said 'Wow, this is great'"**

Gary Winick

The film pitch was that a letter got stuck in the wall and 50 years later gets answered and that person comes to find (the) person they were in love with. Everyone said 'Wow, this is great'. That became a really big focus and it was a great role for an older actress. Vanessa Redgrave was our first choice. She would come back to Verona to look for her Lorenzo."

Redgrave avoided the cliché of longing for him. "We discussed it in the rehearsals but Vanessa didn't want it to go in that direction. She shouldn't be feeling a longing for her lover, or getting to a place where she would just

want to go home. Vanessa said she feels it's an adventure and that it shouldn't escalate. She was able to build the longing even though it wasn't plotted out and the wonderful actress that she is, she did by degrees arrange these moments."

Seyfried plays an American visitor to Verona who is enchanted by the idea of a living Juliet legacy. She set Redgrave's character on her search across Italy, as she weathers her own romantic upheavals.

"Another layer that I liked and tried to make sure came across was the mother/daughter relationship of Vanessa and Amanda, their friendship.

Amanda brought so much to the role, sophistication, nuance, and experience."

Winick's career as a director of chick flicks soared back in 2004 with the international success of *13 Going on 30* with Jennifer Garner. But he has noticed that usually reliable romance films are harder to make now.

"Because of that film I will always get work. And Jennifer Garner, we want to make something together this fall. But movies have changed, things got kind of weird. When we did *13 Going on 30*, we just did it. Now everyone is attached but things are only kind of green lit. It's unfortunate because they keep making bad movies, either way. They should make fewer movies and better ones. And considering the demographic that rules the theatres, the young boys, and every movie I made was the exact opposite."

Perhaps most especially, *Letters to Juliet*.



Vanessa Redgrave, left, and Amanda Seyfried star in director Gary Winick's romance drama, *Letters to Juliet*.

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## Cannes lacking in A-list premieres

**MOVIES** Hard times for the economy. Hard times for the Cannes Film Festival, at least in terms of splashy Hollywood films for which the world's most prestigious cinema showcase is known.

Cannes opens today with Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett and Ridley Scott's *Robin Hood*, one of the few A-list premieres at this year's festival, whose lineup has an undercurrent of economic themes.

The timing of Cannes could not be better for *Robin Hood*. The movie opens theatrically today in France and elsewhere over the next two days, including the U.S. debut Friday, so the media frenzy as Crowe and Blanchett strut the Cannes red carpet is great publicity.

"It's an honour, but it's also bloody useful. Everything today is marketing.

You've got to get positioned really fast. You better establish yourself in that opening week," said director Scott, who was not attending Cannes because of recent knee surgery. "We're very happy to be opening Cannes, because it's such an enormous venue and helps get your film out there."

Along with *Robin Hood*, starring Crowe as the roguish archer battling medieval robber barons, Cannes offers a first look at financial wolves of our own times with Michael Douglas and Oliver Stone's *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*, the follow-up to their 1987 hit *Wall Street*.

The festival also features director Charles Ferguson's *Inside Job*, a documentary narrated by Matt Damon that examines the causes of the economic meltdown.

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# The king of Cool

Idol contestant James has his town's support

**Casey James isn't just an American Idol heartthrob. The guitar-playing crooner is also the king of Cool.**

Cool, Texas, that is. The tiny ranching and farming community where James grew up is rallying around the musician who is one of the last four contestants left in this season's show.

A marquee outside the Cool Community Center reads "Am. Idol Casey James!" At his former high school in nearby Millsap, a banner proclaiming "MHS (hearts) Casey James" hangs over the main entrance, where the doors are covered with dozens of signs: "Vote Casey — He's the Best" and "Casey James Rocks!"

A Millsap High teacher has made a shrine to James in her classroom, featuring a candle, his senior yearbook and a poster covered with his photos. Last week, about 200 people watched American Idol on big-screen televisions at the school, which has about 265 students.



American Idol contestant Casey James' town of Cool, Texas, is rallying around the musician who is one of four left this season.

"It's a really big thing at school and all over town because Millsap has never had anyone famous," said Jerri Lewis, who taught James in her theatre class before he graduated in 2000.

James has been a fan favourite since his Denver audition for the Fox show's ninth season, when some of the judges asked the 27-year-old to re-

move his shirt and take down his ponytail — revealing wavy, dirty-blond locks.

Hollywood is a long way from Cool, a 200-resident town about 40 miles west of Fort Worth. But

while playing the guitar and singing on the front porch or performing with his mother's band in local festivals, he had big dreams.

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**American Idol results show airs tonight on Fox**

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Kelly Osbourne is shocked she and her fiancé have been together for two years, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 25-year-old star insists she and model Luke Worrall, 20, are happier than ever and are still inseparable after all this time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Anne, you make bad boy choices

**WAIT, BUT WHAT'S THE COMMON DENOMINATOR HERE? MAYBE SHE'S THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THE BOTCHED REAL ESTATE DEALS AND ART THEFT** Can't Anne Hathaway — one of Hollywood's most angelic and seemingly nice young actresses — just find a guy without some sort of criminal implications?

The Alice in Wonderland starlet is stuck in the middle of more headlines thanks to a significant oth-

er, as her new boyfriend Adam Shulman allegedly took off with part of a painted mural, pop eater.com reports.

Unfortunately for Shulman, someone else claims the mural is his property, and is going to press charges unless it's returned.

For Hathaway, this must be a blatant reminder of her romantic woes past. She previously was in a long-term relationship

with Raffaello Follieri, who is currently serving jail time after he pled guilty to fraud charges.

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# Marking their territory

**WITH A HAS-BEEN BEAT DOWN** Lindsay Lohan apparently has a new nemesis in Avril Lavigne after the two allegedly engaged in a screaming match when Lohan tried to chat up Lavigne's pals at the Chateau Marmont in L.A., according to Page Six.

"As soon as she approached, Avril launched at her and said, 'Get the hell out of my face,'

you are fake, you are a loser. I don't like fake people. Stay away from me and my friends," a source says.

Lohan reportedly stomped off and



tried to convince security to kick Lavigne's group out, but they refused and Lohan eventually left herself.

"Avril is avoiding going to the Chateau Marmont when she knows Lindsay will be there," the source adds. "She doesn't want any more drama."

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# Chenoweth stands up for all gay actors

**THEY CAN ACT LIKE THEY WANT TO KISS HER** Broadway actress Kristin Chenoweth has slammed Newsweek writer Ramin Setoodeh,



who criticized Sean Hayes for not being able to successfully play a straight man in Promises, Promises.

He went on to generalize the casting problem to all gay actors,

popeater.com reported.

An upset Chenoweth immediately wrote a lengthy response to support her Broadway co-star.

"This article offends me because I am a human being, a woman and a Christian. For example, there was a time when Jewish actors had to change their names because anti-Semites thought no Jew could convincingly play Gentile," she wrote.

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## One ring to unbind them

**THE END IS NIGH** Brooke Mueller has ditched her wedding ring in a sign that her marriage to Charlie Sheen may soon be over, despite their claims that they are trying to work through things, according to Radar Online.

"The ring is off for good," a source says. "Brooke has had enough. Charlie has cheated on her repeatedly and lied to her about it."

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## A 21st century woman

she said: "My character was very motivated by her job and not by her love life, which is kind of normal for a girl her age. I know it is for me. Sometimes I focus less on my relationship and more on my career."

**SHE'S JUST LIKE US!** Amanda Seyfried puts her career before love, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 24-year-old star — who has been dating British actor Dominic Cooper since they met on the set of Mamma Mia! in 2008 — admitted she would put her career in Hollywood before any man in her life.

Speaking of her role in the movie Letters to Juliet



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## CelebTweets

Today, **LADY GAGA** isn't complaining, **RUSSELL CROWE** isn't having a great time in France, **AVRIL LAVIGNE** is easily amused, and **RUSSELL BRAND** isn't pleased with England's election results.

@ladygaga life is a red carpet  
@russellcrowe so far, Cannes as glamorous as a sausage sandwich. hotel took suits couple hours ago to steam, haven't returned. Shorts n' hood 4 press.

@AvrilLavigne Sun's coming up!!!! Hahaha

@rustyrocks Democracy doesn't work! Revolution! would I.

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## Shaking her money maker

**AND MAKING HER PARENTS PROUD. NO, SERIOUSLY** Miley Cyrus' new hyper-sexualized video for Can't Be Tamed may have a lot of folks complaining, but the 17-year-old's own folks aren't among them.

"My dad loves it," Cyrus tells MTV News. "I think my dad was thinking I was a little crazy while I was writing it."

Cyrus adds that both dad Billy Ray Cyrus and mom Tish Cyrus are behind her.

"They were so proud of the treatment that I came up for it with my good friend Jamal,"

she says, referring to choreographer Jamal Sims.

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# White's on top of the world

**NOW THEY WANT HER TO DANCE WITH THE STARS** The wave of affection for Betty White continues.

After pulling in high ratings and rave reviews hosting Saturday Night Live, producers for another hit show are looking to snatch her up.

"Dancing With The Stars would love to have Betty White

grace the dance floor next season," a source

close to the show tells Popeater.

"Not only would she guarantee great ratings, she would also make it easier for a lot of big celebrities — who up to now have been sitting on the fence — to sign on.

"There is no one bigger or more respected than Betty White."

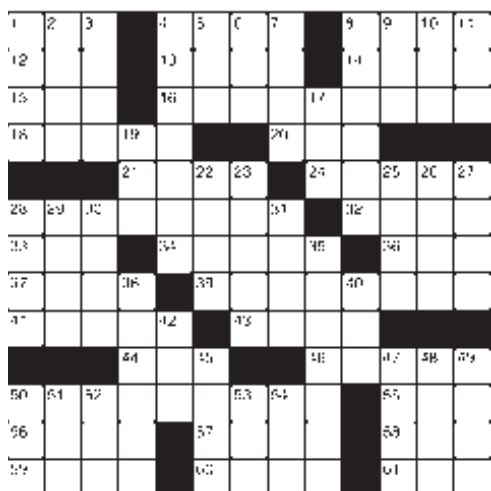
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## Take Five



### ACROSS

- 1 Banned insecticide
- 4 Computer geek
- 8 Sharpen
- 12 Reaction to fireworks
- 13 Eye layer
- 14 Unusual
- 15 Ultra-modern (Pref.)
- 16 Home of MIT
- 18 Thin porridge
- 20 Held a meeting
- 21 Road Runner's sound
- 24 Type of golf club
- 28 Phnom Penh's country
- 32 Authentic
- 33 Undivided
- 34 Zeroes
- 36 Meadow
- 37 Barbershop prop
- 39 "Wichita Line-man" singer
- 41 Massage
- 43 Addict
- 44 Conk out

- 46 Humorous
- 50 Soft cheese
- 55 Commotion
- 56 Enthusiastic, plus
- 57 Formerly
- 58 Agent, briefly
- 59 Chiming sound
- 60 Approach
- 61 Type measures

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- 1 Ding follower
- 2 Active one
- 3 Grand
- 4 Atomic bit
- 5 Actress Mendes
- 6 Sleep phenom
- 7 Slight touches
- 8 Author
- 9 Owned
- 10 Work unit
- 11 Shirt shape
- 17 Uncooked
- 19 Recede
- 22 Learning (Abbr.)
- 23 Rice recipe (Var.)
- 25 Take out of context?
- 26 Food critic
- 27 Greene
- 27 Mideastern airline
- 28 Tilt, as the head
- 29 In due time
- 30 Unit of cultural information
- 31 Charitable donations
- 35 Ghost
- 38 No-goodnik
- 40 Sis' counterpart
- 42 Poorly lit
- 45 Black, in poetry
- 47 Filly's mom
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- 49 Long-running true-crime TV show
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- 51 Past
- 52 Calendar abbr.
- 53 Compass dir.
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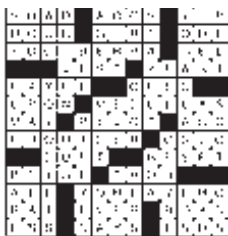
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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



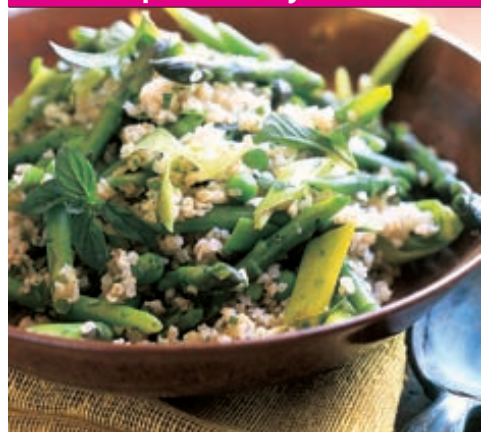
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3	4	2	8	5	7	1	6	9
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6	7	1	5	9	3	8	4	2
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### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Bulgur with Spring Vegetables

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 cups bulgur
- 3 1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 leeks, halved lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 12 asparagus spears, cut into 2-inch lengths
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

#### METHOD:

- 1 Combine bulgur and boiling water in large heatproof bowl. Let stand until bulgur is tender, 30 minutes; stir after 15 minutes. Drain bulgur in large fine-meshed sieve to get rid of remaining liquid.

2. Whisk 1 tbsp of oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add bulgur; fluff with fork to separate grains and combine them with lemon mixture.

3. Heat remaining oil in medium skillet over low heat. Add leeks and garlic; cook until leeks are tender, 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl with bulgur.

4. In steamer set over pot of boiling water, steam asparagus until tender, 4 minutes. Add peas during final 30 seconds of steaming. Add vegetables to bowl of bulgur along with mint and toss to combine. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
There are some interesting things going on behind the scenes but you won't find out what they are, at least not yet. Don't worry.



**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
If you cannot make up your mind what you should do today, seek the advice of someone whose opinions you know you can trust.



**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Your words seem to carry extra weight with family and friends at the moment and if you need to sell them an idea now is the time to do it.



**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Whatever ideas you have over the next few days you can be sure the planets are behind you 100 per cent.



**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Everyday tasks and chores will make you happy today. You will appreciate the way they don't tax your brain too much.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Is someone you are close to trying to undermine you? It may seem that way but just because they are acting strangely does not mean they are.



**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Even the most negative of Cancerians will be looking to the future with hope. You can sense that something special is going to happen.



**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Your way with words will open the right doors, in the right way, at the right time. Words are power. Use them wisely.



**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
If the goal you are pursuing is a goal others have persuaded you to aim for it's unlikely to lead to happiness.



**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
Be brutally honest with people today, even those who don't take kindly to being told what to do.



**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Listen carefully to what friends and family and work colleagues are saying. In there somewhere is information that can be turned to your own advantage.



**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
Do something creative today. The planets are moving in your favor at the moment, so all things are possible.



### This day in history

1821: The first big battle of the Greek War of Independence against the Turks occurs in Valtetsi.  
1885: North-West Rebellion: the four-day Battle of Batoche, pitting rebel Métis against the Canadian government, comes to an end with a decisive rebel defeat.  
1932: Ten weeks after his abduction, the infant son of Charles Lindbergh is found dead in Hopewell, N.J., just a few miles from the Lindberghs' home.  
1958: A formal North American Aerospace Defense Command agreement is signed between the United States and Canada.

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Horsepower	175 hp @ 6,000 rpm	153 hp @ 6,500 rpm	158 hp @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	169 lb. ft. @ 4,000 rpm	148 lb. ft. @ 4,500 rpm	162 lb. ft. @ 4,000 rpm
Continuously Variable Valve Timing	✓	✓	✓
<b>Comfort and Convenience</b>			
Heated Front Seats	✓	X	X
Leather-wrapped Steering Wheel	✓	X	✓
CD/MP3 Stereo with USB & AUX	✓	X	X
Bluetooth® Hand-Free Cell Phone Connectivity	✓	X	X
Steering Wheel Mounted Audio and Cruise Controls	✓	X	✓
Power Heated Side Mirrors	✓	X	✓
Remote Keyless Entry with Panic Function	✓	✓	✓
Fog Lights	✓	X	X
<b>Safety</b>			
Frontal Impact Safety Rating -NHTSA	✓ 5-Star	✓ 5-Star	✓ 5-Star
Side Impact Safety Rating - Driver -NHTSA	✓ 5-Star	✓ 5-Star	✓ 5-Star
Six Airbags	✓	✓	✓
Electronic Stability Control (ESC)	✓	X	✓
<b>Warranty</b>			
Comprehensive	✓ 5 year / 100,000 km	X 3 year / 80,000 km	X 3 year / 80,000 km
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